



Common Threads

AmeriCorps Food Educator Position Description

Common Threads connects kids to healthy food in the garden, in the kitchen, and at the table. We want kids to grow up making food choices that are good for their bodies, their communities, and the environment. Founded in 2006 and based in Bellingham, Washington, Common Threads is a grassroots, 501(c)(3) non-profit organization that promotes a “seed to table” approach to food production, good nutrition, and environmental stewardship. Most of our programs take place on public school grounds, during the school day. Additionally, Common Threads runs after-school gardening and cooking programs and spring/summer camps in our school gardens and at our urban farm site.

All AmeriCorps Food Educators lead garden and cooking based education in our partner schools. Each member of the team also takes a lead role in some aspect of our programming (garden/agricultural specialist, social media specialist, cooking with kids specialist, after school program specialist, etc.

Responsibilities

Each Food Educator will serve as the lead educator at one or more of Common Threads' partner school sites, and will also collaborate with the entire Food Education team (staff and AmeriCorps service members) to:

- Lead garden lessons during Spring and Fall
- Lead cooking lessons during Winter
- Lead or support after school gardening and/or cooking clubs
- Lead groups of kids during Spring Break and Summer camps
- Assist with the recruitment, supervision, and appreciation of program volunteers
- Collect and track data (e.g. attendance, pre- and post-tests to track impact of programming, volunteer hours)
- Support special events and other relevant food education opportunities for families as they arise

Skills and Qualifications

The ideal candidate will

- Be passionate, committed and creative
- Have a solid background working with kids/teaching experience
- Have experience gardening or farming
- We also look for members who can play "specialist" roles within the team. We work to build a team that represents a diversity of talents: teaching, strong agricultural background, strong nutritional background, experience with social media, etc. Successful applicants will speak to how they might fill these roles.

Previous service members have asked that we please say up front that this is an intense and rewarding position. You must love long hours and being outside and be ready for curve balls from kids and adults!

To Apply

- This position is contingent on funding and will also require an application via the AmeriCorps website. Applicants who submit resumes and cover letters will be informed when the AmeriCorps enrolment process is open - likely in April.
- Send resume and cover letter to Laura Plaut, Executive Director, 516 E. North Street, Bellingham, WA 98225 or laura@commonthreadsfarm.org
- Applications accepted on a rolling basis until all positions are filled. Do not delay in submitting your application.

Recruiting and retaining a diverse workforce is a high priority at Common Threads. We do not discriminate on the basis of age, gender, race, national origin, ethnicity, religion, sexual orientation, gender identity and expression, political affiliation, marital status, age or any other basis prohibited by law.